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Applicant submits this amendment in response to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2005.

Claims 5-7 and 19-20 are still pending in this application. Claims 1-4 and 8-18 have now been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 5-7 were indicated as being allowable.

Claims 1, 9, 10, 11 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Mendelson et al. (U.S. Patent 6,267,602). Claims 2-4, 8, 18 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mendelson et al. in view of Corona (U.S. Patent 6,379,169). By the present amendment, applicant has cancelled, without prejudice, claims 1-4 and 8-18.

Claim 20 was objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, applicant has amended claims 20. This claim has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As such, applicant submits that this claim is now allowable.

Claim 19 has been amended to depend from this now allowable claim 20. As such, applicant submits that claim 19 is also now allowable.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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